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## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF OREGON

GALICE MINING DISTRICT; IDA LEE REMAN, Recorder for the Galice Mining District; KERBY DALE JACKSON, CEO for Galice Mining District; DELANT CORY PALMERTON, Vice Executive Officer for Galice Mining District; and IRVIN LEE ADKINS, Private Attorney General,

Plaintiffs,

v.

JOHN KITZHABER, Governor; PETER COURTNEY, Senator; JACKIE DINGFELDER, Senator; and ALAN BATES, Senator.

Defendants.

Case No. 6:13-cv-00682-TC

RESPONSE TO PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR A PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION

Plaintiffs seek a preliminary injunction "against the passage of Oregon Bills SB 115, SB 370, SB 401, and SB 838." (Complaint, p. 6, ¶ C). To obtain a preliminary injunction, plaintiff "must show either (1) a likelihood of success on the merits and the possibility of irreparable injury or (2) the existence of serious questions going to the merits and the balance of hardships tipping in [his] favor." *Nike, Inc. v. McCarthy*, 379 F.3d 576, 580 (9th Cir. 2004). Based on the Page 1 - RESPONSE TO PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR A PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION JK/js9/4202914-v1

argument set forth in the contemporaneously-filed Motion for Dismiss, plaintiffs cannot establish any likelihood of success on the merits because the court lacks jurisdiction to consider the case.

Accordingly, the motion for preliminary injunction should be denied.

DATED May 28, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

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